



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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From Father John

CHANGE — Very Soon!!

People love change or hate it and there may be some who see the need for it and don't mind it! I guess it depends on whether it benefits us or challenges us: if it benefits, we are usually good with it.

Every year Lent calls for a change in our lives so that we can get the most out of Easter and the most out of our spiritual lives. It [directs](#) us to look in our hearts and ask if they are given to God or whether we have a divided allegiance to the passing things of the world.

Change [is needed at times](#) in [any](#) parish just as the church needs change: Pope Francis [has caused a stir with some changes in our time](#) as the Second Vatican Council called [for change](#) in the 1960's — a huge change which we have never fully come to grips with.

After some months of [review](#) a Liturgy task force has researched how our Sunday Masses have been going: it is easy to see that 5 Masses on the weekend [is more than is needed](#) and has recommended that we cut back to 3 Masses.

They kept track of the numbers attending over [the past year](#) and clearly recognized that a full church gives a much greater experience of the communal nature of the Mass than a half empty one. I had hoped that the old adage of "build it and they will come" would invite additional parishioners but it seems like we are at the max of those who are into a culture of [attending](#) church.

The Archdiocese is addressing the [distribution of available](#) priests and has asked parishes to limit the number of Masses [that are not needed](#) so that priests can be spread around [to meet other needs](#). It makes sense.

[Beginning with the Memorial Weekend — May 24/25 —](#) I am accepting the recommendation to go to the following schedule of Masses:

Saturday 5 pm: Sunday 8.30 and 10.30 am.

That will mean eliminating both the 11.30 am and 5 pm on Sunday. The report from the Liturgy Commission will be in the parish bulletin on the Easter weekend.

THE SCHOOL FAMILY IMPACT.

The so-called two tier tuition scale has been around for many years: it provided a lower cost to in-parish active, practicing Catholics. This has long ago ceased to work as an attractive incentive and now I have the proposal before me in the “White Paper” that we go to one cost for everyone: that cost would be closer to the actual cost of educating a child in an excellent school that has shown excellent results over a long period of time. I would much prefer not to have to take this step and I am giving this at least one more year before I make the final decision.

WHAT THIS MEANS:

If you are claiming in parish tuition at this time I would love to keep you there if you are ready and willing to reopen the gift of Faith and reestablish a culture of church attendance and involvement in your family --- starting right away. I truly hope you will and here is what I am proposing to help make that possible.

THE GREATEST UNOPENED GIFT in the lives of many parents and children is the gift of an active faith life connected to a church community. Many conversations over the seven and a half years I have been here have convinced me that while our school is a very attractive option, the faith connection isn't as attractive mostly because some parents did not grow up in a church going environment, or dropped it early and never really got into it as adults or there is no real interest in church going among some families or priests and church just don't do it for your faith life.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS!

1. I have arranged for a very dynamic speaker on three Monday evenings: April 28; May 5 and May 19 to present for one hour each night 7—8 pm in church on opening up the Catholic Life to you as an adult spouse and parent. Tom Curran is a husband and father of a sizable family who gives presentations all over the country. He will speak at the weekend Mass on April 26/27 so you can hear him in advance at your regular Sunday Mass. Child care will be provided.
2. If your church and priest are the problem for you, just add us to your regular daily prayers: pray for God's plan for all of us to be who he wants us to be and experience what prayer can do, first hand.
3. If for some reason you can't get to Mass on a particular weekend: ski lessons in winter; a hike in Summer; baseball or soccer tournaments on the road — come to Mass Friday morning before you go or Monday morning after you get back or find a Catholic Church on the road: I find them in every part of the world! Bring back a bulletin so we can see how we compare with them! Tell me if the priest came out before Mass and welcomed you!

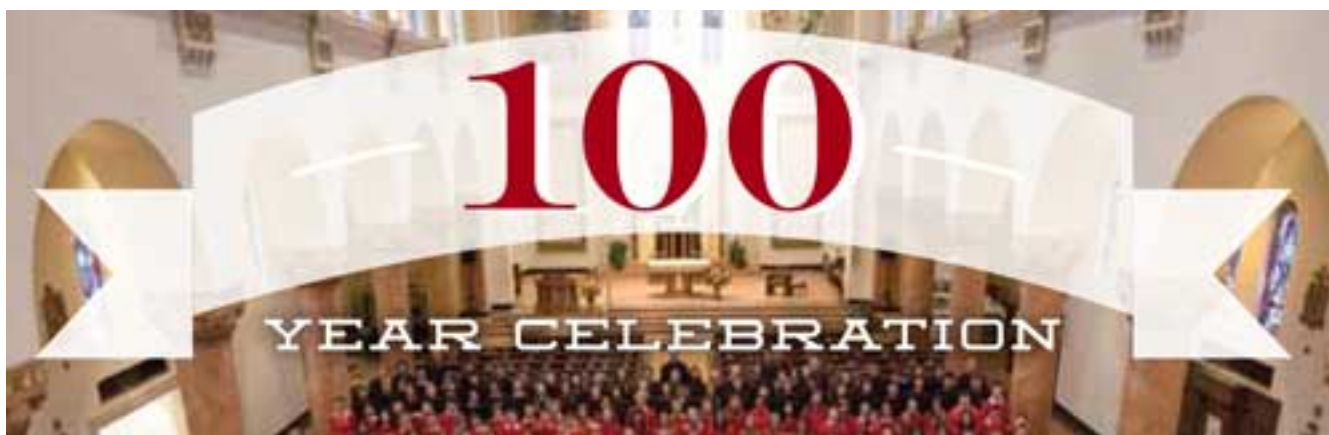
4. Sign up for a ministry: the ministry of hospitality is a big need and the newest version of it will be traffic directors who will be needed to direct people to parking places especially the parking in our school yard so as to make the most out of every available parking space — until we build a new parking arrangement!!!

The recently formed parish Leadership Group has just finalized our new vision statement:

“Renew our Holy Rosary community in union with Jesus Christ by evangelizing through spirituality, service and fellowship.”

This signals a change that invites all of us to reopen the Greatest Unopened Gift: our Catholic Faith. All new families to the school along with First Grade and Seventh Grade families received a blue sheet in their registration package that needs to be signed by me. It indicates that you meet the expectations for in parish tuition. If I have not received that I am assuming you are in the out of parish status beginning this July. It is not too late to get that in to me if you forgot it. You can pick one up at the school office or the parish office. I feel I have to be an honest steward of the limited financial resources the parish has when I give them out to help lower tuition. I am genuinely looking forward to visiting with as many families as I can from every grade in the upcoming weeks to discuss and clarify what I have written and invite you to open the gift of active faith. I am praying that you will give me a call or drop me an email so we can get together ---- the week after Easter Sunday would be great if you are in town.

Fr John.



Centennial Mass Celebration & Reception, Sunday, May 4

You are warmly invited to join current and former students and staff along with the Parish Community of Holy Rosary as we celebrate Mass in honor of the Centennial Year of Holy Rosary School with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain presiding on Sunday, May 4 at 11:30AM. Reception will follow in Lanigan Gym. RSVP by April 30 with number attending to centennial@holyrosaryws.org.

There are many volunteer opportunities for students and parents to participate. Please follow this link to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AA4AC22A64-centennial>



2014 HOLY ROSARY HEART AUCTION

Auction Wrap up!

Wow! The party of the Century really was a night to remember. Thank you all for helping make this great event happen. You came through with donations, class projects, volunteering and attending.

The school looked stunning and so did the guests. We started with a fun silent auction full of games, cocktails and great items to bid on. Gail from Gail Ann Photography was present the entire evening to record the great event. Follow this link to see and download

complimentary pictures.

<http://gailannphoto.wordpress.com/>

<http://epnw.phanfare.com/6479102>

<http://epnw.phanfare.com/6479121>

Amount Raised - Stay tuned as we “punch” the numbers and have all the expenses processed. We should have a final number in a couple of weeks.

Congratulations to the Ricard family!

They were the lucky winners of Skittles! The sweet and even tempered Shih Tzu puppy gets to settle into his new family and have lots of fun with Gus, Ollie, Annie and Erik Ricard



Raffle Winners!

Tuition raffle was a huge success! The winner was Cheryl and Grant Eoff who won \$5000 in tuition for school year 2014-2015. Congratulations!

The 50/50 cash raffle was won by John Richardson and he took home \$1800.00. Congratulations!

Fund-an-Item - \$56,300!

We did it again! We surpassed the goal of \$30,000. The total amount donated to the fund-an-item was an all time record. The night of total is \$56,000. More donations have come in since Saturday evening!

Here is the Fund-an-Item Video by Jim Dever. Thanks, Jim!

<http://vimeo.com/user9968740>

All the money from Fund-an-Item will go toward the pay and training of our incredible teaching staff. The exceptional Holy Rosary instructional team educates the children of Holy Rosary Parish in a tradition of academic excellence and with the values and moral teachings of Jesus Christ. A donation to the fund-an-item is 100% tax deductible.

Fund-an-Item and Corporate Matches

Over 150 companies have a corporate matching program. If you made a cash donation to the Auction or to the Fund-an-Item please consider checking with your HR department. Attached is a list of companies to help you.

Please download the list of companies and the School Matching Guide in the school website.

AUCTION PARTIES ARE STILL OPEN!

- Dance Party (grades K-8th) with Sundance Teachers \$35 each; Friday, May 2nd, 6-8 :30 pm. [Download the Dance Party Flyer \(PDF\)](#).
- Centennial Mexican Fiesta at the home of the Vellings on Saturday, May 17th, 6 pm - \$50 each/ \$100 a couple [Download the Mexican Fiesta Flyer \(PDF\)](#).

Send your [RSVPs \(PDF\)](#) and checks into the school office. An envelope is set up in the office already. Questions regarding the parties? Please contact [Marti McGaughey](#).

[Auction Parties RSVP Form \(PDF\)](#)

School Play – Cinderella May 7th & 8th

The 7th/8th grade Drama Elective invites you to enjoy their fantastic rendition of Cinderella! We have been working since December to bring this production to you and I promise the acting, costumes, dancing, music, and set design will not disappoint!

Performances take place Wednesday, May 7th and Thursday, May 8th at 7 pm in the School Hall. Tickets are free so bring as many friends/family members you'd like!

We look forward to wowing you!

- Mrs. Carlsen and the 7/8 Drama Elective.

Pizza Lunch Reminder

Remember this Friday is a pizza lunch Friday!

Talent Show Permission Slips in Office

The annual HRS Talent Show is coming up on Friday, May 16th! We are looking forward to seeing all of the students sharing their talents with our school. Permission slips are now in the office, so pick one up today! Please make sure to read the directions carefully and turn in completed and signed slips to the office in the morning between 8:15 and 8:25. Group acts need to turn in their slips together. Try to get the permission slips in before the Easter holiday! The final turn in day is Tuesday, April 29th. Thank you!

Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Junior High students who made the Honor Roll. Nice job, all your hard work paid off!

7th Grade – High Honors

Chloe D.
Emma D.
Hannah D.
Catherine E.
Faith G.
Bryn H.
Gabi J.
Leah M.
Samantha S.
Stephanie W.
Savannah W.

7th Grade - Honors

Emma C.
Eli D.
Maia H.
Neve J.
Lawrence L.
Jack S.

8th Grade – High Honors

Isabella C.
Matthew L.
Grace T.
Jonathan V.
Haley W.

8th Grade - Honors

Veronica A.
Brianna B.
Nick G.
Kaitlin L.
Bridget M.

Be an Ambassador Family

Each year, volunteers act as ambassadors to our new families joining Holy Rosary School.

The role of an Ambassador Family is a short and easy commitment of helping another family make the transition into our school a little smoother.

If you would like to be an ambassador family for our new incoming families for the 2014-2015 school year, please sign up online

here. http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador_reg.html If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Tish. You can find more information regarding Holy Rosary Ambassador Families through this link.

http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador_families.html Thank you.

Holy Thursday Outreach Day

- K money to **Uganda**, Sock/Booties to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 1A money to **West Seattle/White Center Food Banks**, Socks/Booties to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent**.

- 1B money to **Rice Bowl**, Socks/Booties to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 2nd Grade money to **Uganda**, clothing to **Francis House**, food **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 3rd Grade money to **Uganda**, diapers to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 4th Grade money, food and all other donations to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 5th Grade money to **Uganda**, canned food **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 6th Grade money to **Uganda**, canned food **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 7th Grade money and school supplies **Catholic Community Services Youth Tutoring Program**
- 8th Grade money and school supplies **Catholic Community Services Youth Tutoring Program**

BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES SHELTER began Friday, March 7th. Every year, as part of our Lenten Outreach, Holy Rosary School has provided lunches to the men at St. Martin de Porres shelter. Students are asked to bring a lunch or two and a toiletry item on designated Fridays during Lent. These lunches **can** be kept cold, so **perishable food is fine**. ****Thank you Shelley Neal for driving the past three weeks, if anyone else is interested in driving on the last Friday, please contact Jennifer Hazzard in the school office******

Please keep the toiletry items **separate** from the lunches:

April 11 – men's socks

Thank you!

School Commission Openings

(Check website for form.)

The Holy Rosary School Commission has 3 openings for at-large members. Terms for this position are four years and start in the 2014-15 school year. This is an opportunity to provide a voice for all Holy Rosary parents, and to be a leader in your school community. School Commission is an advisory group that works with the principal and pastor on policy-related issues. Examples of ongoing issues on which the School Commission collaborates are the school budget, including fundraising, health and wellness, technology, and the school's strategic plan. The School Commission does not make decisions that affect day-to-day operations of the school. It also does not make decisions regarding academic curricula – that is the responsibility of the principal and his staff. The entire committee meets once monthly (typically on the first Thursday of every month during the school year) and each member serves on one or two subcommittees. Subcommittee work is done outside of the regular meeting.

Upcoming School Commission Meeting

The final open School Commission meeting will be held tonight. Members of the community are welcome to attend. If you wish to address the commission, please notify the president, Ann Summers in advance at ann.summers@kingcounty.gov.

Parent Club Board Available Positions for 2014/2015

The Parents Club Board (PCB) is currently looking for two actively involved parents to join the Board next year. These individuals should have a passion for the Holy Rosary community and time to devote to participating in and promoting our activities. Each term is for two years (with a third year option) beginning on July 1, 2014.

We are seeking a Vice President (this person will automatically become President the following year) and a Passive Fundraising Coordinator. The Passive Fundraising Coordinator is a new position for 2014/2015 school year.

Please see the full job descriptions and instructions for applying under our tab on Parents Life if you are interested. <https://gator.holyrosaryws.org/parentsclub/>

Our final Parents Club meeting of the year will be on May 14.

Personal Information Breach

HRS families that were impacted by the Target Personal Information Breach can sign up for free credit monitoring for one year. As many HRS families impacted by the

Archdiocese breach were also impacted by the Target Breach, they can take advantage of this free solution.

How to Register:

- Navigate to <https://creditmonitoring.target.com/>
- Submit your name and email address to receive a registration code.
- Then go to www.protectmyid.com/target to register

Protect My ID is the monitoring service offered through the Experian, a credit reporting agency.

The credit monitoring service is free for one (1) year. Be sure to discontinue it after a year if you want to avoid a fee.

HOLY WEEK

Do you remember going to Holy Week services when you were a child? Perhaps your parish had a Palm Sunday procession with everyone carrying palms. Perhaps you witnessed the washing of feet on Holy Thursday or the veneration of the cross—kissing the cross, genuflecting before it, or touching it reverently—on Good Friday. These are vivid memories, times at church when we play an active part.

Make memories with your own children during this Holy Week. Below is a listing of our Parish celebrations. Please consider committing to go to at least one service with your children. With the exception of the Easter Vigil Mass, the services of Holy Week are not long. If your child gets restless, do not feel obligated to stay for the entire time.

When you go to church with your children, you share your faith with them in a very concrete way. At parish celebrations they see your faith and witness the faith of many others. This year, give them the gift of participation in this most Holy Week!

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 12-13

Saturday vigil, 5pm

Sunday at 7:30am (NOT 8am), 9:30am, 11:30am & 5pm

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16

Stations of the Cross presented by St. Stephen the Martyr Youth Group at 8pm in the

church

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday, April 18

Living Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Traditional Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 19

The Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses at 7:30am (NOT 8am), 9:30am, 11:30am (NO 5pm Mass)

CYO News

8th Grade Boys Volleyball Team in Championship Game!

Our 8th grade boys volleyball team has battled their way to the Championship game! Come catch the excitement this Saturday at 2:30pm at Bishop Blanchet.

Go Gators! Bring home that trophy!

Track: Running Shoes Sale for the Entire School & Parish

This year, I am opening up the Brooks Shoe Sale to all families from Holy Rosary. There will be a Brooks Truck at Hiawatha on April 17th at 5 PM with a huge selection of Adrenaline (best selling running shoes) and Cascadia (trail shoes) at extremely discounted prices.

Please feel free to come and join in on the sale with our Holy Rosary track team. We are excited for a great season. There will be adult and kids sizes approximately 4 1/2 to size 5 for kids and above.

Email me with queries or text 206-941-1399. achildbecomes@gmail.com

All meets are in **May 3, 10, 17, and 24th. 8th grade Pentathlon is May 11th.**

Track is for **4th grade through 8th only.** All meets are approx 4 hours in duration. Each

participant runs one event (sprint or distance, not both) and is encouraged to compete in a field event. Most athletes run a relay in addition. This is primarily why the meets may take a long time for your participant...Think of swim meets.

- Head Coach Shelley Neal

Community Notices:

The Robots are coming—let the craziness begin!!

This year's Extravaganza is just exploding with fun! Get this -- we'll have lava bombs, slingshots, catapults, and more! A 2 foot long Kraken monster, dueling 18" robots, and two giant ball flinging competition bots at 120lbs each! The bomb disposal robot, a programming station, and special surprises, one after another. They'll be tossing, launching, flipping, popping, and throwing things all over the place!!!

Plus, it's free!!!

If you have kids of any age who are interested in crazy applications of science, this is the place to be! It will be a morning of wild science, robots, and things that fly through the air.... Hardhats and safety goggles optional.

Catholic Schools Robotics Extravaganza
Saturday, May 3rd, 9am-11am
Seattle Prep Gym
Free!!! All ages welcome.

SIGN UP FOR CYO CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP TODAY!

Summer camp is more than just eating s'mores, swimming in the pool, and exploring the woods. Camp is about transforming lives through programs rooted in Catholic tradition and personal encounters with Jesus Christ. Lessons in problem solving, team work and the Catholic faith are taught through fun hands on games and high adventure activities. Camp sessions are available for 1st Grade through Seniors in High School and even two opportunities for family camp! Visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/camping 206-382-4591 cyo@seattlearch.org (insert brochure)

West Seattle Public Library Free Class

The West Seattle public library is offering a free class to children about the importance of saving.

The program is on Saturday April 12th at 3 pm.

A Child Becomes Summer Camps

A Child Becomes Summer Camps, a favorite West Seattle summer activity for almost 17 years now, are on the achildbecomes.org website this week. This year offers camps for 3, 4 and 5 years as well as camps for 6 to 10 years. Check out some fabulous new themes from art to geocaching to learning the Hula and more.

Holy Names Summer Camps for Grades 6 - 8

Check school website for more information.

Summer Prep at Seattle Prep

Check school website for more information.

Skills & Drilz Camp

<http://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/?u=WESTSEATTLEHOOPS&t=c&s=basketball&p=home>

Invitation From Seattle Lutheran to Host an International Student

Do you have a loving family and a spare room available at your home? Invite an international student to stay with you next school year. Seattle Lutheran High School seeks qualified host families to provide a safe and nurturing home environment for international high school students attending our school from abroad. If you live within a 30 minute commute to and from the school, you may be eligible to apply. The students have their own insurance and spending money. The host family should speak English at home and ensure that the student eats three nutritious meals per day. Involving the student in family events and daily activities is expected and participating families will be offered a stipend of \$900 per month for the 10-month academic year. Our homestay service company, www.gphomestay.com, provides dedicated support staff, host family training and 24-7 emergency support throughout the school year, in addition to quarterly group activities for you and your student along with other participating families. If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life by hosting an international student, please contact: ltatum@gphomestay.com or 425-753-3933.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ❖ **April 18 – Good Friday noon dismissal**
- ❖ **April 21 -25 – Easter Break**
- ❖ **May 16 – Talent Show**

